

## **BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

**IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST )  
POLICE OFFICER MESHAY OWENS, STAR #7737, ) CASE #07-2617  
DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, CITY OF CHICAGO, )  
RESPONDENT. ) CR # 301444**

### **FINDINGS AND DECISION**

On January 5, 2007, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago, seeking the termination of Police Officer MeShay Owens, Star #7737, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent" for violation of the following rules:

- RULE 3:** "Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals."
- RULE 6:** "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral."
- RULE 22:** "Failure to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or any other improper conduct which is contrary to policy, orders or directives of the Department."

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Police Officer Meshay Owens, Star No.7737, to be heard by **Jacqueline A. Walker**, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on May 10, 2007, May 15, 2007, May 30, 2007 and June 19, 2007. Following the Hearing, the members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing and viewed the videotapes of the proceedings. **Jacqueline A. Walker**, Hearing Officer made an oral report and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

As a result of the foregoing, the Police Board of the City of Chicago finds and determines that:

- (1) The Respondent was, at all times mentioned herein, a Police Officer employed by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago;
- (2) The charges were filed, in writing, and a Notice, stating the time, date and place, when and where a hearing on the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges were served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges;
- (3) Throughout the hearing, the Respondent appeared in person and was represented by legal counsel;
- (4) Respondent, Police Officer MeShay Owens, Star No. 7737, as charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to-wit:

RULE 3: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.

- (A) The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of evidence that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer MeShay Owens failed to ensure the safety and/or security of Dewone McClendon, a juvenile arrestee, who was injured while in Officer Owens' custody.
- (B) The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of evidence that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street,

Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer MeShay Owens observed Detention Aide Brian Pemberton push juvenile arrestee Dewone McClendon's head down to a table causing McClendon's chin to strike the table and causing a laceration to McClendon's chin, and/or failed to report Detention Aide Pemberton's misconduct.

(5) Respondent, Police Officer MeShay Owens, Star #7737, as charged herein, is **not guilty** to wit:

Rule 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.

- (A) The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of evidence that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer MeShay Owens failed to ensure the safety and/or security of Dewone McClendon, a juvenile arrestee, who was injured while in Officer Owens' custody, contrary to General Order 02-03-01, Section II A.
- (B) The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of evidence that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer MeShay Owens observed Detention Aide Brian Pemberton push juvenile arrestee Dewone McClendon's head down to a table, causing McClendon's chin to

strike the table and causing a laceration to McClendon's chin,  
and failed to report Detention Aide Pemberton's misconduct,  
contrary to General Order 93-03-02B, Section II.B.1..

(6) Respondent, Police Officer MeShay Owens, Star #7737, as charged herein, is  
**not guilty** of violating, to-wit:

Rule 22: Failure to report to the Department any violation of Rules and Regulations or  
any other improper conduct which is contrary to the policy, orders or  
directives of the Department.

The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of evidence  
that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at  
the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Chicago, Illinois, Police Officer Owens observed Detention Aide  
Brian Pemberton push juvenile arrestee Dewone McClendon's  
head down to a table, causing McClendon's chin to strike the table  
and causing a laceration to McClendon's chin, and/or failed to  
report Detention Aide Pemberton's misconduct.

**BY REASON** of the findings set forth herein, cause exists for restoring the  
Respondent, Police Officer MeShay Owens, Star No. 7737, to her position as a police  
officer with the Department of Police, and to the services of the City of Chicago, with all  
rights and benefits effective January 6, 2007.



JACQUELINE A. WALKER  
Hearing Officer

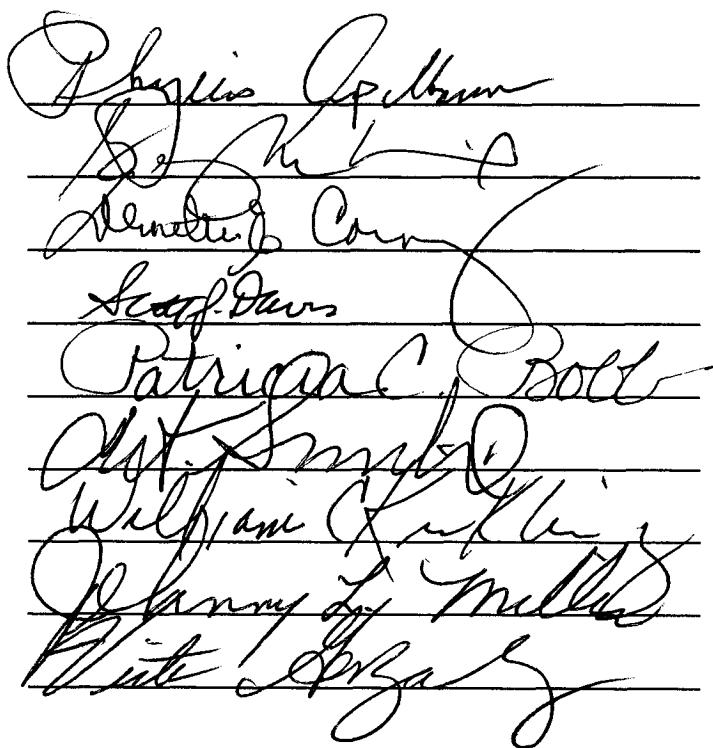
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**DECISION**

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, having read and reviewed the certified transcription of the hearing, having viewed the video-recording of the hearing, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, JACQUELINE A. WALKER, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopts all findings herein; and

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Respondent, Police Officer **MESHAY OWENS**, Star No. 7737, as a result of having been found **not guilty** of the charges in Police Board Case No. 07 PB 2617, be and hereby is **restored** to her position as a police officer, and to the services of the City of Chicago, with all rights and benefits, effective 06 January 2007.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2007.



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Daphne Johnson  
Debra L. Jones  
Denetta C. Cox  
Scott Davis  
Patricia C. Dodd  
Dixie Murphy  
William Franklin  
January L. Miller  
Vito G. Salas

Attested by:



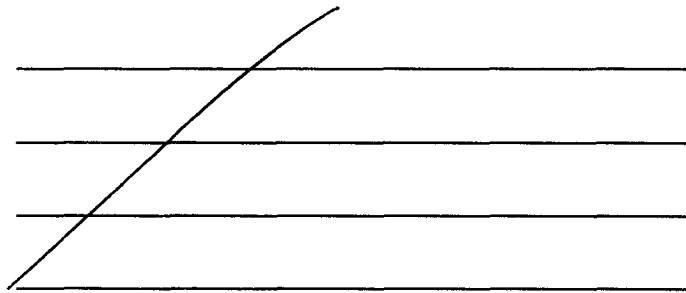
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Police Board

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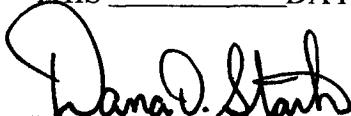
**DISSENT**

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board.



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THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.



Daniel O. Stank  
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

**BEFORE THE POLICE BOARD OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO**

**IN THE MATTER OF CHARGES FILED AGAINST ) 07-**  
**DETENTION AIDE BRIAN PEMBERTON, ) CASE #06-2618**  
**EMPLOYEE #37881 DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, )**  
**CITY OF CHICAGO, ) CR #s 301444 and**  
  ) 303674  
  )  
**RESPONDENT.**

**FINDINGS AND DECISION**

On January 5, 2007, the Superintendent of Police filed charges with the Police Board of the City of Chicago, seeking the termination of Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881 hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Respondent" for violation of the following rules:

**RULE 2:**     "Any action or conduct which impedes the Department's efforts to achieve its policy and goals or brings discredit upon the Department."

**RULE 3:**     "Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals."

**RULE 6:**     "Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral."

**RULE 8:**     "Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty."

**RULE 9:**     "Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty."

The Police Board of the City of Chicago caused a hearing on these charges against Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee #37881, to be heard by **Jacqueline A. Walker**, Hearing Officer of the Police Board of the City of Chicago, on May 10, 2007, May 15, 2007, May 30, 2007 and June 19, 2007. Following the Hearing, the

members of the Police Board read and reviewed the certified transcription of the proceedings of the hearing and viewed the videotapes of the proceedings. **Jacqueline A. Walker**, Hearing Officer made an oral report and conferred with the Police Board before it rendered a decision.

As a result of the foregoing, the Police Board of the City of Chicago finds and determines that:

- (1) The Respondent was, at all times mentioned herein, a Police Officer employed by the Department of Police of the City of Chicago;
- (2) The charges were filed, in writing, and a Notice, stating the time, date and place, when and where a hearing on the charges was to be held, together with a copy of the original charges were served upon the Respondent more than five (5) days prior to the hearing on the charges;
- (3) Throughout the hearing, the Respondent appeared in person and was represented by legal counsel;
- (4) Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881, as charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to-wit:

Rule 2: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.

The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of evidence that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Pemberton pushed juvenile arrestee Dewone McClendon's head down to a table, causing McClendon to strike his chin and caused a laceration to

McClendon's chin.

(5) Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

Rule 2: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.

(A) On or about February 11, 2005, between approximately 1600 and 1640 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton pushed juvenile arrestee Gabriel Meraz's head to a wall, causing him to strike the wall and caused an injury to Meraz's face.

(B) On or about February 11, 2005, between approximately 1600 and 1640 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton choked juvenile arrestee Gabriel Meraz, causing injuries to Meraz's neck.

(6) Respondent, **DETENTION AIDE BRIAN PEMBERTON, EMPLOYEE #37881**, as charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to-wit:

RULE 3: Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.

The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup>

Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton failed to ensure the safety and/or security of Dewone McClendon, a juvenile arrestee, who was injured while in Detention Aide Brian Pemberton's custody and/or control.

(7) Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee #37881, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 3:** Any failure to promote the Department's efforts to implement its policy or accomplish its goals.

On or about February 11, 2005, between approximately 1600 and 1640 hours, at the 5the District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton failed to ensure the safety and/or security of Gabriel Meraz, a juvenile arrestee, who was injured while in Detention Aide Pemberton's custody and/or control.

(8) Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881, as charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 6:** Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.

The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton failed to ensure the safety and/or security of Dewone McClendon, a juvenile arrestee, who was injured while in his custody and/or control, contrary to General Order 02-03-01, Section II. A.

(9) Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

RULE 6: Disobedience of an order or directive, whether written or oral.

On or about February 11, 2005, at approximately 1600 and 1640 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Pemberton failed to ensure the safety and/or security of Gabriel Meraz, a juvenile arrestee, who was injured while in Detention Aide Pemberton's custody and/or control, contrary to General Order 02-03-01, Section II.A.

(10) Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881, as charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to-wit:

RULE 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Pemberton disrespected and/or maltreated juvenile arrestee Dewone McClendon when Pemberton pushed McClendon's head down to a table, causing McClendon's chin to strike the table.

(11) Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

RULE 8: Disrespect to or maltreatment of any person, while on or off duty.

(A) On or about February 11, 2005, between approximately 1600 and

1640 hours, while on duty at the 5the District Police Station Lockup at 727 East111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton disrespected and/or maltreated juvenile arrestee Gabriel Meraz when Pemberton pushed Meraz's head to a wall, causing Meraz's head to strike the wall, causing an injury to Meraz's face.

(B) On or about February 11, 2005, between approximately 1600 and 1640 hours, while on duty at the 5the District Police Station Lockup at 727 East111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton disrespected and/or maltreated juvenile arrestee Gabriel Meraz when Pemberton choked Meraz, causing injuries to Meraz's neck.

(12) Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881, as charged herein, is **not guilty** of violating, to-wit:

RULE 9: Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

The Superintendent did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence that on or about October 20, 2004, at approximately 1900 hours, at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Pemberton pushed juvenile arrestee Dewone McClendon's head down to a table, causing McClendon's chin to strike the table and cause a laceration, thereby engaging in an unjustified physical altercation.

(13) Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881, as charged herein, is **guilty** of violating, to-wit:

**RULE 9:** Engaging in any unjustified verbal or physical altercation with any person, while on or off duty.

(A) On or about February 11, 2005, between approximately 1600 and 1640 hours, while on duty at the 5th District Police Station

Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton pushed juvenile arrestee Gabriel Meraz's head to a wall, causing Meraz's head to strike the wall, causing an injury to Meraz's face.

(B) On or about February 11, 2005, between approximately 1600 and 1640 hours, while on duty at the 5th District Police Station

Lockup at 727 East 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Chicago, Illinois, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton choked juvenile arrestee Gabriel Meraz's, causing injuries to Meraz's neck.

**BY REASON** of the findings set forth herein, cause exists for the discharge of Respondent, Detention Aide Brian Pemberton, Employee No. 37881, from the Department of Police and from the services of the City of Chicago.



JACQUELINE A. WALKER  
Hearing Officer

**FINDINGS & DECISION, CONT'D**

**DETENTION AIDE BRIAN PEMBERTON, EMPLOYEE No. 37881**

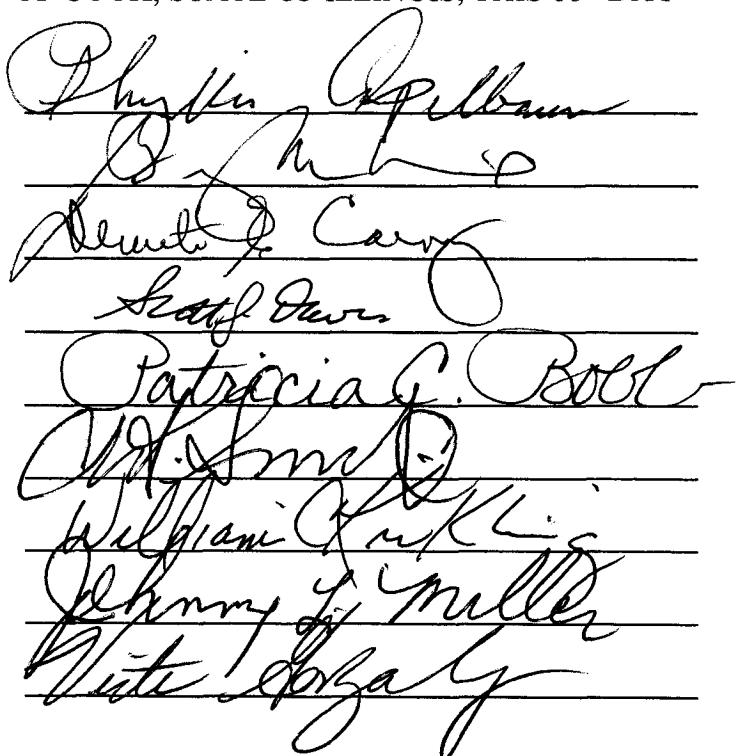
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**DECISION**

The Police Board of the City of Chicago, having read and reviewed the certified transcription of the hearing, having viewed the video-recording of the hearing, having received the oral report of the Hearing Officer, JACQUELINE A. WALKER, and having conferred with the Hearing Officer on the credibility of the witnesses and the evidence, hereby adopts all findings herein; and, in reaching its decision as to the penalty imposed, the Board has taken into account not only the facts of this case but also the Respondent's complimentary and disciplinary histories, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Respondent, Detention Aide **BRIAN PEMBERTON**, Employee No. 37881, as a result of having been found **guilty** of charges in Police Board Case No. 07 PB 2618, be and hereby is **discharged** from his position as a Detention Aide, and from the services of the City of Chicago.

DATED AT CHICAGO, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 16<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2007.



The image shows seven handwritten signatures of Police Board members, each followed by a horizontal line:

- Phyllis A. Gilham
- B. M. S.
- Deborah J. Clegg
- Scott Davis
- Patricia G. Bobb
- John D. Jones
- William F. Kilkis
- Danny J. Miller
- Nita Dobaly

Attested by:

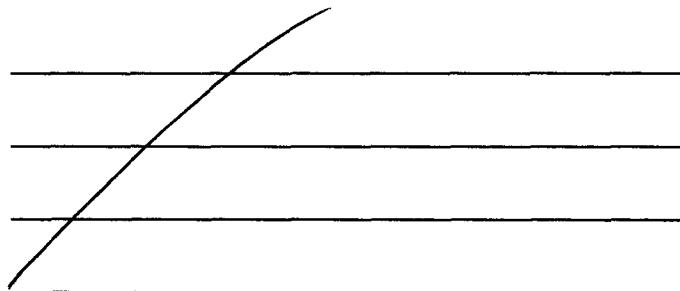


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**DISSENT**

The following members of the Police Board hereby dissent from the decision of the majority of the Board.



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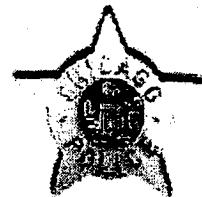
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Dana J. Stark  
SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE

Report Date: 13 Dec 2005  
Report Time: 1233 Hrs

# Chicago Police Department

## Personnel Division



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Information Services Division  
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### Complimentary Hist

Name	Title	Star	Unit	Detail Unit	Empl Number
PEMBERTON, BRIAN P	9122		005		37881

Achievements

Total No.

NOTE: THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT / AUTHORIZED USE ONLY.  
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CR# 301444

INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
RECORDS SECTION

14 DEC 2005

**TO:** COMMANDING OFFICER UNIT 113  
**FROM:** RECORDS SECTION  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION  
**SUBJECT:** PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF:

PEMBERTON	BRIAN	CIV	005
NAME (LAST, FIRST M.I.)	STAR	UNIT	
M	W		
SEX	RACE	S.S.N.	

**REFERENCE:** COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER 301444

THE PREVIOUS SUSTAINED DISCIPLINARY HISTORY OF THE SUBJECT ACCUSED HAS BEEN REQUESTED IN YOUR NAME BY:

SUPV.	SMITH	113		
RANK	NAME	STAR	S.S.N.	UNIT

RELATIVE TO A SUSTAINED FINDING IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED COMPLAINT REGISTER NUMBER.

THE RECORDS SECTION, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, DISCLOSES THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION ADMINISTERED TO THE SUBJECT ACCUSED FOR THE PAST FIVE (5) YEARS.

VERIFIED/PREPARED BY:

DEANNA C. MAGSBY

SEE ATTACHED

FOR: COMMANDING OFFICER  
RECORDS SECTION  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION

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**CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
**Sustained Complaints History Report**

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<u>Social Sec. #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Star #.</u>	<u>Emp. #</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>
	PEMBERTON BRIAN P.		37881	9122	DETENTION AIDE	005
<u>Sex</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Appointed Date</u>	<u>No. Of CR's</u>	<u>No. Of SPAR's</u>	
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<u>Case #.</u>	<u>Incident Date</u>	<u>Suspension Dates</u>	<u>Disciplinary Action Taken</u>	<u>Final Category</u>	<u>Less Serious Transgression</u>
C 268581	18-JAN-2001	16-AUG-2003 14-SEP-2004	30 DAY SUSPENSION <u>Police Board #</u>	05K-DOMESTIC ALTERCATION/INCIDENT - OFF DUTY	

Comments

<u>Case #.</u>	<u>Incident Date</u>	<u>Suspension Dates</u>	<u>Disciplinary Action Taken</u>	<u>Final Category</u>	<u>Less Serious Transgression</u>
C 278440	17-FEB-2002		REPRIMAND <u>Police Board #</u>	04E-PRISONER'S PROPERTY - INVENTORY/RECEIPT	

Civil Suit #Comments

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